



# Golden Gate National Recreation Area

## Outdoor Wedding Sites



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Congratulations on your upcoming wedding! The Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA), a National Park Service unit, has inspiring vistas and natural settings frequently used for private events. The Park provides a remarkable concentration of cultural, natural and recreational treasures. The GGNRA aims to accommodate private events in a manner that corresponds with the Park's mission.

A permit is required for all weddings, regardless of group size. The Office of Special Park Uses is here to help ensure your event runs smoothly and without interference to the experience of the park by the general public, park operations and resource protection. The National Park Service maintains special conditions for private events. Please read the following conditions and determine if they will correspond with your event plans.

### Mission Statement

*"...preserve & enhance the natural environment & cultural resources of the coastal lands...for the inspiration, education and recreation of people today, and for future generations..."*



- ❖ Access for other park visitors must not be impeded. A Special Use Permit is authorization for your private event to take place on parklands and does not grant exclusive use of an area. It is recommended that you choose less visited sites and schedule your event early or late in the day if you wish to increase the privacy of your event.
- ❖ Available parking is limited, often crowded and not guaranteed. Car pooling or van shuttles are highly recommended. This will help ensure your guests arrive on time and at the correct location.
- ❖ A maximum of three hours may be scheduled so please plan accordingly. This shall include set-up and breakdown time. No set-up will be allowed prior to the start time on your permit.
- ❖ Special Use Permits may be denied during periods of heavy use, (e.g., Labor Day, 4th of July, and weekends during peak season March 15 - October 15).
- ❖ Decorations and equipment must be discussed prior to issuance of your permit. The use of special equipment, such as canopies, arches, chairs, or other decorations may require further review and are not allowed in certain areas. Please discuss your decoration plans with the Office of Special Park Uses and consider using the parklands as your backdrop.
- ❖ Special conveyances, including but not limited to, horse drawn carriages, electric carts and hot air balloons are prohibited.
- ❖ In respect of other park visitors, amplified music is prohibited. Acoustic music will be considered. Exceptions can be made for portable tape decks or CD players if discussed in advance with the Office of Special Park Uses. Standing speakers, disk jockeys, public address systems or any other type of amplified device are prohibited.
- ❖ To protect parklands and wildlife, the releasing of balloons, doves or butterflies and the throwing of rice, birdseed, flower petals or other natural or artificial material is not allowed.
- ❖ Fires, candles, tiki torches and all other forms of open flame are prohibited.
- ❖ Affixing directional signage to existing buildings, property, signs, poles or plants is not allowed. Please respect the uncluttered views of the park. Any posted signs will be removed immediately by park personnel. The Office of Special Park Uses can provide you with written directions and maps.
- ❖ Alcohol is permitted in most areas and there are restrictions on glass. Please discuss alcohol use in advance.
- ❖ All trash associated with your private event must be bagged and removed from the park. Please make certain that someone in your group is assigned to remove trash and decorations after your event or you will be billed for staff overtime at \$65.00 per hour.

Within the park, receptions may be held in designated outdoor areas or rented facilities. Holding a reception in one of the Park's outdoor areas can be complex since all amenities must be brought in, (e.g., portable restrooms, dumpsters, tables, chairs, etc.). Many of the Park's historic structures are home to our Park Partners (non-profit, environmental and educational groups) and some of them offer unique reception facilities. Listings for these Park Partner facilities are listed below.

We accept reservations up to one year in advance. Requests are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Once you have decided on a site, call the Office of Special Park Uses to put the date on hold. At this time your request will be entered on to our event calendar and the date will be held for two weeks. Our office must receive the application and all related costs by the end of the two-week period or the date will be released. Upon receipt of the application and costs, a Special Use Permit will be prepared and mailed or faxed to you.

FEES	
Administrative Cost:	\$400.00
Large-scale events may require more extensive review by National Park Service staff. If it is determined your event will require this review, the administrative cost may be higher.	
Management Cost:	\$65.00 per hour
Depending on the complexity of your event, we may assign National Park Service staff to be on site during your event. If park staff is required to monitor or provide service for your event, there is a four hour minimum (minimum cost \$260.00). Two monitors are required for Point Bonita Lighthouse and one monitor is required for Sutro Heights Park. The majority of events do not require a monitor.	
Additional Costs:	
If any damage is caused to park resources or staff is required to clean up after your event, you may be billed.	
Refunds:	
The administrative cost is non-refundable (no exceptions). Management costs are refundable if event is cancelled at least twenty-four hours in advance.	



RECEPTION FACILITIES	
❖ Cliff House, San Francisco	(415) 386-3330
❖ Fort Mason Foundation, San Francisco	(415) 441-3400
❖ Fort Mason Officer's Club, San Francisco	(415) 441-7700
❖ Golden Gate Club, Presidio of San Francisco	(415) 561-2582
❖ Green's Restaurant, San Francisco	(415) 771-1635
❖ Headlands Center for the Arts, Marin Headlands	(415) 331-2787
❖ Headlands Institute, Marin Headlands	(415) 332-5771
❖ Presidio Golf Course, Presidio of San Francisco	(415) 561-4661
❖ Presidio Trust Events, Presidio of San Francisco	(415) 561-5444
❖ San Francisco Film Centre, Presidio of San Francisco	(415) 561-3456
❖ Maritime National Historic Park Museum & Historic Ships, S.F.	(415) 561-6662

## North District – Marin County

Location	Cap.	Conditions of Use
Muir Woods	5-30	Capacity determined by site. Several designated sites. Please request list & map of designated sites or check our website. Special permit activity suspended, on weekends & holidays, from March 15 - October 15. Ceremonies must be conducted before 10:00 a.m. or after 4:30 p.m. Pets are not allowed. No chairs, lecterns, singing or music. No space for receptions.
Hawk Hill	50	Accessible by steep trail only. Vehicles are strictly prohibited from using the service road. Special permit activity suspended during raptor migration, August 1 – December 31. No space for receptions. Portable restrooms available.
Battery Mendell	50	No more than five cars may park at Battery Mendell parking area. Guests may be shuttled from Battery Alexander parking lot. No space for receptions. Portable restroom available.
Point Bonita Lighthouse	65	Accessible by steep ½ mile walk only. Vehicles are strictly prohibited from using service road. Special permit activity suspended during public hours (Saturday, Sunday & Monday from 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.). Ceremonies on public use days must be conducted before 11:00 a.m. or after 4:30 p.m. Must hire two park rangers to monitor event. No space for receptions. Only restroom available is ½ mile walk from the lighthouse.
Muir Beach Overlook	100	Ceremonies may take place on the lawn only and are not allowed at the point. Wedding photos at the point will be considered. No more than four cars may park at the Muir Beach Overlook parking lot. Guests may be shuttled from Muir Beach parking lot. Parking in residential areas of Muir Beach is strictly prohibited. No space for receptions. Portable restrooms available.
Muir Beach	100	Special permit activity suspended, on weekends & holidays, from March 15 - October 15. No space for receptions. Portable restrooms available.
Battery Rathbone/McIndoe	100	No more than three cars may park at the Battery Rathbone/McIndoe parking area. Guests may be shuttled from Battery Alexander parking lot. Narrow road, limited to 24-passenger van. No space for receptions. No restrooms.
Fort Barry Parade Ground	200	Receptions will be considered. No restrooms. Please call for more details.
Rodeo Beach	200	Restrooms available. No space for receptions.
Stinson Beach	200	Special permit activity suspended, on weekends & holidays, from March 15 - October 15. Restrooms available. No space for receptions.

## South District – San Francisco County

Eagle's Point	50	No space for receptions. No restrooms.
Black Point Battery	100	Receptions will be considered. Please call for more details. Portable restroom available.
China Beach	100	Special permit activity suspended, on weekends & holidays, from March 15 - October 15. No more than five cars may park at the China Beach parking lot. Guests must be shuttled from a remote site. All chairs, decorations and other props must be carried in to the site. Vehicles are strictly prohibited from using service road. Restrooms available. No space for receptions.
West Fort Miley	125	Receptions will be considered. Please call for more details. Portable restroom available.
Sutro Heights Park	200	Must hire one park ranger to monitor event. No space for receptions. All chairs, decorations and other props must be carried in to the site. Vehicles are strictly prohibited from entering the park. No restrooms.
Fort Mason Parade Ground	200	Receptions will be considered. Large groups may be required to rent portable restrooms and a dumpster. Please call for more details. No restrooms.
Baker Beach	200	Special permit activity suspended, on weekends & holidays, from March 15 - October 15. Restrooms available. No space for receptions.
Ocean Beach	200	No space for receptions. Only available restroom is at the end of Sloat Boulevard.
Crissy Field Locations	200+	There are three locations at Crissy Field. The Amphitheater maximum is 200, East Beach maximum is 200 and the Historic Airfield can hold very large groups. Restrooms available at the Amphitheater & East Beach only. Receptions will be considered on the Historic Airfield only. Please call for more details.
Fort Mason Great Meadow	200+	Restrooms available. No space for receptions.

**See site photos on our website at [www.nps.gov/goga/spug](http://www.nps.gov/goga/spug)**